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FM AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

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INFO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

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AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

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AMEMBASSY MANAGUA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EINV, INCO, HO

SUBJECT: BANANAS; EXPROPRIATION ANNOUNCEMENT.

WE CONCLUDE THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT IS NOT WHAT IT APPEARS TO
BE AND SEEMS QUITE PREMATURE.

2. STANDARD FRUIT REPORTS THAT IT HAS RECEIVED NO NOTIFICATION
OF EXPROPRIATION FROM INA OR OTHER GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES. AS
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, STANDARD LAST SPRING GAVE PERMISSION TO
INA TO ENTER ISLETAS AREA (EXCEPTING SOME COMPANY FACILITIES).
LATER INA ESTABLISHED AN ADVISORY COMMISSION TO EVALUATE THE
PROPERTIES BUT THIS COMMISSION NEVER APPROACHED STANDARD.
INA OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN OPERATING ON THE ISLETA PROPERTIES
SINCE EARLY SPRING. STANDARD'S VIEW IS THAT THE COMPETENT
HONDURAN AUTHORITY TO BE DEALT WITH IN THE ISLETAS AREA IS NOW
COHBANA, REFTTEL (A) RATHER THAN INA.

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3. A TELA RAILROAD OFFICIAL ADVISES THE EMBASSY THAT

DISCUSSIONS INCLUDING THE VALUATION OF PROPERTIES HAS BEEN PROCEEDING BETWEEN INA AND THE COMPANY CONCERNING ITS GUAYMAS HOLDINGS. THESE LANDS ARE DEDICATED TO CATTLE RAISING. HOWEVER, NO AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED AND NO DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE ON THE PART OF TELA CONCERNING THE DISPOSITION OF THE GUAYMAS LAND.

4. COMMENT: AT THIS POINT, THE ANNOUNCEMENT FROM INA APPEARS TO BE PREMATURE, AT LEAST IN THE CASE OF THE TWO U.S. COMPANIES. NEITHER HAS RECEIVED ANY OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION. THE ANNOUNCEMENT MAY HAVE BEEN A SHOT FOR POLITICAL AFFECT FIRED BY INA. EXPROPRIATION IS IN PROCESS, BUT NOT SO ADVANCED AS INA INDICATES. END COMMENT.
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